

A RESOLUTION to designate a certain segment of State Highway 100 in Hickman County as the “Johnny V. Crow Memorial Highway”.

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Senator Johnny V. Crow was an innovative and unselfish public servant who tirelessly served the State of Tennessee in the Senate and as the State Director of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA); and

WHEREAS, displaying a commitment to quality public education for this state’s youth, Senator Crow served as the Chairman of the Hickman County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, a respected politician at the state level, Senator Crow served as Field Director of Operations for United States Senator William E. Brock from 1971-1977 and was an integral part of campaigns for Senator Howard Baker and Governors Lamar Alexander and Winfield Dunn; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Senator Crow became the first Republican senator to be elected from the 23rd State Senatorial District and was re-elected in 1980; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the State Senate, Senator Crow displayed uncommon political insight and an ability to work within the two-party system; and

WHEREAS, Senator Crow’s career in the State Senate was marked by numerous successes that included being named “Freshman of the Year” in 1979 and serving as the Assistant Minority Leader; and

WHEREAS, due to his outstanding leadership and abilities, in 1981 Senator Crow was appointed by Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block as the State Director of the Farmers Home Administration in which position he served until 1989; and

WHEREAS, serving as a positive role model for young men and women in Tennessee, Senator Crow served as the district commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America and a high school football and basketball official; he was instrumental in founding the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association officials organization; and

WHEREAS, Senator Crow was a devoted husband to his wife, Norma, and loving father to his daughters, Betty Carolyn and Renee, and to his son, Johnny Jr.; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the members of this legislative body honor the memory of those inimitable public servants, whose numerous contributions and accomplishments continue to have a lasting influence on this state and its people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the segment of State Highway 100 in Hickman County from the intersection of State Highway 46 and State Highway 100 west to the Johnny V. Crow Road is hereby designated as the "Johnny V. Crow Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to this outstanding public servant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers or to affix suitable signs designating State Highway 100 in Hickman County from the intersection of State Highway 46 and State Highway 100 west to Johnny V. Crow Road as the "Johnny V. Crow Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.